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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Dover Did It.

That the shadow of Dover was still over the mind of Mr. Chamberlain when he made the announcement of the abandonment of the E.P.D. is manifest from his references to "the wizard of by-elections and the necromancers of Carmelite House and Fleet Street." We shall continue to "wiz."

Premium Bonds.

According to the *National News*, the adoption of this source of revenue will be Mr. Austen Chamberlain's plan for counteracting the loss due to the dropping of "E.P.D." By the way, everyone interested in Premium Bonds should read our contemporary's article on the subject.

A New Description.

According to the *New York Herald*, we are "the question-mark of the House of Commons." Surely we are just as frequently a note of exclamation!

"P. R."

Proportional Representation is at last justified, the recent test election having placed Mr. Asquith triumphantly at the top of the poll—with Mr. Smillie third. Our congratulations to the *Daily News* and *Daily Herald* on the success of their coupons.

Getting On.

Thus the Oldham *Evening Chronicle*: "Since the Wrekin election Mr. Bottomley has been taken very seriously by the Government, and those who are interested in the future development of politics will find it worth while to watch him." We are on our guard.

A Modern Diogenes.

Mr. Austin Hopkinson, the cranky but at the same time well-intentioned and high-minded Member for the Mossley Division of Lancashire, has presented his mansion, together with sixteen semi-detached houses, to the Audenshaw Council, and has decided to spend the rest of his life in an old barn. Why not a tub?

Journalistic Impudence.

According to the *Saturday Review*—of which we are one of the few remaining readers—we have "no sense of the ridiculous," and we are asked whether we do not "perceive that the House of Commons treats the Independent Party with indifference, and the general public regards its antics with mild amusement—even tinged with contempt." We are bound to say that we had not noticed these things, so far. Evidently the Dover Election was a joke.

The "Doughboys."

This, you will remember, was the name given to the American troops—because, we are told, they were "needed" in 1914 and did not "rise" till 1917. "What's bred in the bone," etc.!

A Motor Mystery.

On one and the same page of the *Evening News*, the other day, we observed three advertisements of a new Ford one-ton truck at three different prices—namely, £210, £260 and £265. So you evidently pay your money and take your choice.

What Might Have Been.

According to the *Spectator*, apropos of the Dover Election, "the case for economy suffered certain disadvantages, like all other causes championed by Mr. Bottomley." In other words, had we kept out of the way, Colonel Polson's majority would have been twice as big. We will leave it at that.

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A Labour Exchange Suggestion.

Assuming the Labour Exchanges to be continued—which we hope, however, will not be the case—a reader makes the practical suggestion that applicants should attend daily in the alphabetical order of their names, between specific hours, thus preventing many poor fellows from hanging about.

Doing Their Bit.

We are delighted to notice the birth-rate for Britain in 1920 is the highest on record—whilst infantile mortality is the lowest ever known. We must, however, warn the *Times* against jumping to the conclusion that this is a proof of national fitness. Unfortunately, it is not the case that physical health and fertility necessarily go together.

An Unlucky Number.

So the Allies, throwing the Treaty of Versailles to the winds, have decided to ask Germany for 11,300 million pounds—graciously extending the period for payment from 30 to 42 years. Of course, the whole thing is camouflage. Why not the odd 1,300 millions on account? In any case, Britain alone is strictly entitled to 10,000 millions. More of this when Parliament meets.

The Social Scourge.

In our next issue, Mr. W. Charles Pilley will conclude his series of articles upon this subject, dealing with the practical efficacy of preventive treatment.

A Real Gentleman.

Princess Marie Louise has been good enough to give us a very extended definition of the meaning of the phrase "a gentleman." We prefer that of a noble lord—whose name for the moment we forget—namely, that a gentleman is one who never uses that word.

The English Sunday.

One of our readers has been inspired to perpetrate the following doggerel:—

Every Sunday after your snooze
Be sure to read the *National News*,
And after your tea the *S. E. T.*—

meaning, we presume, the *Sunday Evening Telegram*. It is wonderful how these Sunday papers are catching on.

The American Exchange.

An American reader says, "I frequently have to pay as much as eightpence for my copy of JOHN BULL, but I do not begrudge the money." As a matter of fact, we believe the large imports of this journal into the United States is one of the explanations of the improving exchange.

History Reversed.

It was written of Charles II. that he never said a foolish thing and never did a wise one; but, according to the *Birmingham Gazette*, the Bishop of London "is credited with having said more foolish things during the war than any other public man save Mr. Horatio Bottomley." Let us hope we did a few wise ones.

Brother Jonathan.

So America does not propose to take any action against Mr. Boland, de Valera's secretary, in respect of his appeal to Irish Americans to declare a vendetta against the British in the United States. We wonder whether Mr. Boland is any relation of our old friend Bolo?

Racing and Charity.

A Montevideo reader tells us that there and in Buenos Ayres racing takes place every Sunday and feast day, betting being conducted through the medium of the totalisator, and ten per cent. of the receipts being deducted for the benefit of the local hospitals and other charities—with the result that no public appeals were ever made. What says Lord Knutsford?

Passed By.

During an appeal discussion in the House of Lords the other day, Lord Haldane declared: "I can never recognise people." This is only just, for very few people recognise Lord Haldane nowadays—politically, at any rate.

Hunnable Hushed.

That hopeless political eccentric, Arthur Hunnable, who for years has made it his business to take our name in vain at by-elections in which he has intervened, has been "put away" for four months in the second division in consequence of a little indiscretion with a worthless cheque. Thus does his vision of himself as Premier vanish into thin air.

Lest We Forget.

We are constantly receiving letters from ex-soldiers who, disfigured and crippled through the wounds they received in action, are subjected to the rude remarks of ignorant and unpatriotic civilians. Those who did not serve should realise that a soldier's disfiguring scars denote a great and silent martyrdom, demanding sympathy and gratitude.

A Joy Ride.

Apropos a delegation to ascertain the conditions for overseas trade, a Bradford firm enclose us a copy of a letter received from their agent in Copenhagen: "I believe the week the delegation spent here was very hard for them. The first evening they enjoyed the young ladies' beautiful dances in the Scala Theatre, and the next day they had a splendid lunch, and the next day they again paid a visit to H.M. the King, and were his guests in the night at Amalienborg. And the remaining days they surely spent with similar hard work, together with preparations for the homeward journey." Our Yorkshire friends believe this to be "a thoroughly representative example of what our British delegations do."

Faked Processions.

A lady who writes from Lancaster Gate, W., suggests that many processions of unemployed are partly faked. "The leaders of these processions," she asserts, "induce friends, whose posts are in many cases sinecures, to go with them in order to swell their numbers. There are authentic cases of footmen and their kind in employment joining the ranks in their spare time to swell the crowd. They benefit at the end of the day by a proportion of the takings, collected by a shrewd youth who can never show discharge papers." To an extent, this—or something like it—is true of all processions, but the numbers of men willing to work and out of work is indubitably enormous.

The Post in Paddylonia.

Out on the Irish front is not a picnic. A stab in the back or a bullet through the head is not a prospect that appeals to every man, yet lads are found who willingly dare these things for little pay and no thanks. We insist, therefore, on a halt being called on treatment which could easily be mended. Letters, when delivered at the camps, are thrown carelessly on a spare table, in such a reckless fashion that they become almost common property, and frequently never reach the addressees. Parcels are opened and searched for arms, after which they are carelessly repacked, and in some cases the whole or part of contents stolen. Perhaps the P.M.G. will stop phooling with the 'phones long enough to enquire? And perhaps not.

Fearon's Foolery.

Three weeks before Christmas a man applied to the Labour Exchange in New Bridge Street, E.C., for a job as temporary sorter. He was told to give three names as references. This he did, but heard nothing further on the matter. He should not live as those without hope, however, for a few days ago one of his references received an official notice signed "A. T. Fearon, J.W.L. Manager," requesting him to answer the inquiries overleaf within three days, as applicant required employment "during the Christmas Season." Great institutions, these Labour Exchanges.

The Heartless Army.

We should like some explanation as to why the R.A.F. mechanic stationed at Calshot, Southampton, was denied an opportunity of seeing his wife and child who were ill in Scotland. Being refused official permission, the man, who served in the Black Watch and won the D.C.M. during the war, went off without a pass. He started to walk the 400 odd miles home, but was arrested on the way, and returned to his unit by the magistrates. We do not know if the O.C. has done the proper thing, but if we had been on the Bench the escort would have been unnecessary.

The Mystery Artist.

Everyone is asking the name of the brilliant artist who is doing the two-colour caricatures every week on the front cover of the "Passing Show"—every Monday, 2d.

WHO IS HE?

Too Long.

It is quite time something was done to put the nursing profession on a more human basis. At present, the nurses employed by the Camberwell Board of Guardians do 57½ hours a week when on day duty, and 72 hours when "on" at nights. Such figures remind us too much of the old 'forties.

Commissionaires Can't Afford It.

The Corps of Commissionaires has both a reputation and an appearance to keep up, but some of the new prices for uniforms seem to be unreasonably high. Summer trousers are priced at £1 15s. 8d., although we are told that a fair price would be £1 6s. 8d., and winter trousers are to cost £2 0s. 4d., although these could probably be made for 10s. less. Commissionaires are not overpaid and the extra £4 17s. a year, which their uniforms will cost, will hit many of the members very hard.

Not a Cent.

After 46 years' service as signalman on the London and North-Western Railway, Mr. W. Noon, of Kingthorpe, Northampton, has been retired on a pension of 10s. a week. Going off duty at 10 p.m., last year, and walking down the line, Noon found half-a-ton of paper lying in front of an express. He immediately ran back to the signal-box and stopped the train. By this act, he undoubtedly prevented a terrible accident. He reported the incident to the Chairman of the Company, who regretted—through the Superintendent—that he did not "consider the case is one for a monetary reward." If he is patient until Christmas, however, the Company may present him with a banana.

Louth's Relief Fund.

Funds were raised throughout the country some time ago for the relief of the sufferers in the Louth floods. It would seem as if some of the money, instead of being used for the victims, is going to be devoted to buying land for improving the town. This is not right, and we look to the Mayor to stop it.

Mrs. Limpet.

On the temporary staff of the Medical Department of the Ministry of Health, one of the women employed in translating and statistical work is the daughter of a well-to-do doctor, and wife of a man who holds a good position under the Admiralty. This person has received notice more than once, but has "appealed" successfully every time. Whatever her salary, there are certainly hundreds of ex-officers who would be thankful to draw it.

In the Blinking Home!

They have found a new use for the poorhouse in Falkirk. They put their ex-Service men there. There are fifteen in the institution, which bears the gorgeous name of Blinkbonny Home—fifteen men without pensions, although some are unable to follow their pre-war work owing to disablement, and one is a Mons hero subject to recurrent attacks of ague and fever. Great indignation has followed the revelation; and if, as we are informed, local Pussyfoots are to blame, it is only another proof that so-called temperance fanatics are subject to the worst forms of insobriety.

Warned Off.

Until last week a Clapham Common milliner was employed at 22s. a week, "with free tea and a good dinner every day at less than its cost." She was quite happy in her place, having no complaints to make of it whatever. A thunderbolt, therefore, came upon her in the form of an "official notice," which notified her employers that they must not employ anyone at a lower wage than 34s. a week. "As trade is slack" they could not afford this wage, and against their will were compelled to discharge her. Having lost her work, she has to go on the taxes in the form of a Government dole of 12s. a week.

The Wanglers.

Mr. F. Stonestreet, Hon. Sec. of the Newhaven branch of the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, informs us that work of renovation at the local Recreation Ground was being carried on by the District Council when the Unemployment scheme of the Government came into force. Instead of taking on fresh labour, preferably ex-soldiers, the Council sent five of their permanent and three of their temporary employees to register at the Labour Exchange, discharging them technically in the meantime, and then started them on the old job, afterwards claiming the Government grant of 30 per cent. of the cost of the recreation-ground renovations. The Clerk of the Council ought to know whether this is legal. It certainly doesn't look pretty.

There is Still Time.

The great "J.B." Puzzle race is going strong. There is still time to compete, but don't delay too long, if you have not entered yet. If you live in Paris, there's no need to polish up your French before you buy your "J.B." Puzzle. Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son, of 248 Rue de Rivoli, Paris, can supply you.

Sacked for Drinking Tea.

Because they stopped for exactly three minutes to have a cup of tea, the manager of a dairy at Weston-super-Mare dismissed two of his men, Ronald Thomas and Albert Sperring by name. As the men started work at 6 a.m., and did not get breakfast until 11.30, most people would not regard the offence as heinous. Perhaps the manager is a no-food crank.

No Justification.

Certain bakers are indulging in serious profiteering by keeping up the price of the 4 lb. loaf to 1s. 4d. when it should be down to 1s. 2d. Since last November, Government flour has dropped in price to the tune of nine shillings on every sack, which works out at more than a penny on the 4 lb. loaf. Customers will do well to ask Mr. Baker a question.

Asking For It!

In a recent issue of the *South Wales Echo* appeared the following egregious and significant advertisement: "German Goods.—Inquiries invited at once, while rate of exchange is low, for all kinds of goods; samples and quotation for cash, buyers only.—S. Falkenfeld, 93, Alt Moabit, Berlin, N.W., Germany." At this moment, when the trade slump is so acute, the publishers of such advertisements are simply asking for trouble.

Too Old at 45.

In the rush to push employment schemes into operation, Government works are perpetrating injustices. One has occurred at Woolwich Arsenal. A man employed there from December, 1914, was discharged last October. Hearing men were being re-engaged on short time, he applied for a job, but was turned down owing to the 45 age-limit. He says he can do as much work as a young man. If this be so, he ought to be given a share of any going. Rigid adherence to low age-limits nowadays is utter absurdity.

Bradford Busybodies.

Darts and dominoes are evils that must be stamped out or we shall have the nation going to the dogs, is evidently someone's opinion. Bradford has made a start in this great purity crusade, and the first one to suffer has been a widow who was licensee at the Upper Croft Hotel, Back Lane, Bradford. She was hauled up at the Police Court and fined 40s. for permitting the playing of darts and dominoes for pints of beer in the tap-room of the hotel. Although she denied any knowledge of gaming going on, we are told she has since been turned out of the hotel. The busybodies who took the case into Court ought to be ashamed of themselves

R.I.P.

Mrs. E. M. Finn, of Hammersmith, was one of the women whom the world can ill spare, and the world has lost her. She was the widow of a former British Consul in Palestine, where, to promote employment, she established an olive-oil soap factory. Later, in England, she originated a scheme to assist distressed gentlefolk. With her devoted daughter, she gave all her time to the foundation of a society through which generous people contribute to lessen the misfortunes of women of gentle birth who have fallen on hard times. Into many lives, utterly submerged or temporarily despairing, she brought a relief and comfort which will not easily be forgotten.

Should He have Starved?

Wm. Mackintosh was wrong to steal bread and meat from a basket at Inverness, but he was out of work and starving. Although the Sheriff was told that Mackintosh had served four years in France and had been twice wounded, he passed sentence of three months, apparently for a first offence. Some Scottish Magistrates should temper justice with mercy.

For Making Black Marks.

Some of the clerks of the London and North Western Railway Company are now being supplied with pencils in wrappers showing that they were made by Fabers at Stein, near Nuremberg, Bavaria. Is this because the Zeppelin dropped bombs on St. Pancras and Derby stations, the principal ones of the Midland line, and not on Euston and Crewe, the L. & N. W. headquarters?

Married Women at Customs.

Despite the "Substitution Scheme," married women, with husbands in good positions, are still being retained in the London Customs House, although the departmental forms requiring details and source of income were sent round more than six months ago. Never were the uses of mothers-in-law, for instance, so quickly discovered. One man of military age who has held a post at the Customs House from the beginning of the war, declared he had a dependant wife. She is earning as much as a single girl.

The Blind Eye and the Squint.

A cashier who had stolen £600 belonging to the poor depositors of Farrow's Bank, and had frittered it away by senseless gambling, was tried at the Guildhall, London. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment. At the Liverpool Assizes, next day, two out-of-work women, with a shilling between them, were charged with altering a coffee-shop bill from 4s. 11d. to 1s. They received nine months' hard labour. In the eye of the law, it is as wrong to steal a farthing as a fortune, but it is truly wonderful how the thief who sneaks a pocketful gets on the blind side, while the penny-pincher is viewed with a squint. If the first sentence was equitable, the second is a monstrous and savage revenge by Society on these hungry and workless women.

After the Crown, the Duke.

Referring to our remarks about poor Crown tenants at St. Pancras, Mr. Edward Wavell, of Victoria, invites us to contemplate the Duke of Westminster also. His Grace, so he says, has sold the lower half of the island estate at the top of Victoria for £200,000, the upper part for £250,000, and the Wilton Road and Vauxhall site for £250,000, and the Belgrave Mansion site for about the same amount. The estate now averages from £1,000 to £1,200 per tenement ground rent. As leases fall in in 1922, many tradesmen will be deprived of their living; and "to crown all," in the case of a ten-roomed house, built nearly 99 years ago, "the new owners have put in a claim for £650 dilapidations, plus fees for the surveyor." Which shows that some folk have the cheek of Old Harry.

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3rd Prize, £10. W. Barnard, 34, Park Road, Gloucester.
4th Prize, £5. R. T. Reeves, View Cottage, Penny-vool, Llanymynech, Mont.

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F. C. Holmes, 135, Granby Street, Liverpool.
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Miss E. Brooks, 507, Liverpool Street, Seedley, Manchester.
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THE VICAR AND THE VERGER.

EX-SERVICE MAN'S SCURVY TREATMENT AT THE HANDS OF CHURCH COUNCIL.

WE will begin with the verger. For 17 years Mr. S. Judd has acted in this capacity at the Parish Church of Eastleigh, near Southampton. It has meant steady employment with plenty of exercise and variety, but as the total emoluments of the office never till recently exceeded thirty shillings per week, it cannot be said that the good fellow has been exposed to the temptations that lie in the path of riches. A year or two ago he was called up for Army service, and the Vicar and Churchwardens of Eastleigh, in common with other employers, might have had to disburse a trifle more lavishly upon labour costs had it not been for the fact that Judd left a wife at home who, for the sake of keeping her man's job open, was prepared to scrub the floors and stoke the furnaces at the old, miserable figure. In due course the Verger was discharged from the Army, and it was not disputed that he then perpetrated the kind of outrage committed by Oliver Twist. In plain terms, he "asked for more." The Vicar, however, did not take kindly to the demand. Curates of the parish, he ventured to intimate, were not as well paid as they would like to be, while he, the Rev. E. G. Wells, M.A., himself, was apt to be a trifle short of ready cash.

The Situation Develops.

Meanwhile, however, the situation had been canvassed among the parishioners, and strange to say, there was a good deal of sympathy with the demand of the ex-soldier for a living wage. This was not lessened when, in his Parish Magazine, the Rev. E. G. Wells proceeded to address "his dear people" direct upon the subject of the Verger's stipend. The parishioners were to be congratulated, he said, upon the very considerable sums of money they had raised during the year for several important causes, including that of "foreign missions." But when it came to considering the Verger's case, it seemed that the milk of human kindness had ceased to flow. The Church Council, it appears, had decided to give up having a Verger altogether, because, forsooth, they "could not afford to pay a living wage." The Vicar's reasons were unconvincing. "It would be better," he said, "to pay two curates and have no verger than to have two curates and a verger and starve all three." But there was no need for anybody in the service of the Eastleigh Church to starve if only the Vicar had made a straightforward appeal to his parishioners to do justice to the man. Under pressure, the Church Council agreed to pay Judd a pound a week extra, at the same time resolving that he should be dismissed their service at the end of January. After that, we might suppose, the Church would go dirty if no one could be found to clean it every week for less than £2 10s.

The Vicar's Resource.

But no, the good Vicar had alternative plans. In the Parish Magazine for December, immediately under the Monthly Letter, in which Mr. Wells wished his parishioners a happy Christmas and reminded them in eloquent terms of "the message of the angels," the following touching announcement appeared:—

> Before long we shall be without a verger at the Parish Church. It has been suggested that members of the Mothers' Union and other friends should make an offer to clean the Church to the Church Council. A meeting has been called for 2.30, on Thursday, the 16th December, in the Parish Church Vestry to consider very carefully what we can do. Will those who would like to help, remember and come.

We gather that the meeting advertised was duly held, but that the police had no undue difficulty in regulating the queue of female applicants for unpaid cleaning work at the Eastleigh Parish Church. Meanwhile, the news of Mr. Judd's impending dismissal from the office he had held with honour for the past 17 years had spread like wildfire throught the parish, and a few weeks ago a protest meeting, "called by the Laity," was held at the Winchester Road Schools, Eastleigh. At this meeting a number of indignant speeches were made by parishioners. A resolution of protest was in due course forwarded to the Vicar, but by this time the Rev. E. G. Wells, M.A., had mounted the high horse and was indisposed to vacate the saddle. "There must always be some who disagree with every decision," he wrote, "and if one obeyed their wishes nothing would ever be carried out." We confess that the point of this observation eludes us, although if the Vicar had said "kicked" instead of carried out, we admit that this would not have happened to poor Judd if his fate had rested with the parishioners of Eastleigh. In a further letter, Mr. Wells expresses the fear that to bow to public influence and reinstate Judd would be "to bring into contempt the office of a parish priest." We assure him that he has entirely misconceived the situation. Contempt is a harsh word, be if ever it can be justly used of a "priest" or clergyman, it is when his practice is out of harmony with the great Creed he is ordained to preach.

Preaching and Practice.

Poor Judd, how he must have appreciated his Vicar's fulsome wishes for a happy Christmas! It seems a deep descent from these sublime heights to the question of a verger's wages, yet we venture to suggest that if that "spirit of good will" had inspired the Council of Eastleigh Parish Church and the policy of its Vicar, the dismissed Verger—whose wife, we regret to hear, has entirely broken down under the strain and anxiety—would not to-day be amongst the unemployed. That extra pound a week would have been made a permanancy, and no one in Eastleigh would have had a chance to mock at Christianity because one of its representatives failed in his duty to an ex-Service man.

"THEIR WORSHIPS'" WEIRD WISDOM.

TWO CHRISTIANS AND TWO POLICE-COURT CASES.

The reasoning of the magisterial mind is sometimes difficult to follow, but the mental attitude of two good Christians at Mansfield surpasses comprehension. Before the Mayor (Mr. Samuel Bearzley), an Hon. Superintendent of the Mansfield Wesleyan Sunday School, and Mr. J. S. Alcock, a Wesleyan local preacher, a man was charged with having cruelly ill-treated a dog. The evidence of a well-known local tradesman and newspaper proprietor, and his daughter, was that the defendant kicked the dog [with considerable force six or seven times, afterwards punching it with his fist, until the poor animal lay as one dead. Police evidence showed that the dog, when at home, was too terrified to come out of its kennel, and would not go near its owner. Defendant told the officer he kicked the dog because it would not do as it was ordered. An Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., who examined the animal four days afterwards, said it was in poor condition, but he found no marks on it. The Magistrates quoting the Inspector's statement, "there were no marks on the dog four days afterwards," dismissed the case. Not very encouraging to civilians to take the time and trouble to protect the interests of dumb animals! In the charge immediately following, however, the same pair of Magistrates promptly inflicted a fine upon a female, a beer-off-licence holder, for having omitted to stick a label over the stopper of a bottle of beer fetched by a girl! Such are the ways of two worthy Wesleyans.

A "JOLLY" FINE BOSS.

VICTIMISING AN APPRENTICE WHO FOUGHT.

One of the most heartless things an employer can do is to evade completion of an apprentice's indentures, for under the cast-iron regulations of latter-day Trade Unionism no man can work on a job who has not completed his apprenticeship, and when over 21 he either cannot get any person to indenture him or he cannot live on apprentice's pay. A boy, Walter Lagdon, was apprenticed to an Edmonton man styling himself "Jolly the Printer," who displays the words "Trade Union" on his letter headings. Lagdon began work at the age of 14, at 6s. weekly, but when 18 and receiving 15s. a week he was taken for military service, and was demobilised after being over two years with the colours. At the end of demobilisation leave, he presented himself at his employer's works to resume his interrupted indentures. That worthy patriot declined to fulfil his contract, so the boy's father wrote to the Ministry of Labour, and obtained a reply to the effect that "Mr. Jolly was not in a position to take him back." The action of the employer seems a bad piece of contract-breaking, for we have seen the boy's indentures, and so long as he does not steal or waste goods or plant, and does not absent himself unlawfully, his contract remains enforceable. This gallant lad has already been out of work for months. He will shortly arrive at man's estate without a trade, because the cheap patriot for whom he went out and fought has not the decency to pay for his unbroken safety with an unbroken word.

THIRTY TO TEACH SIXTY.

THE WAY MONEY GOES AT ALDERSHOT.

A glaring example of squandermania, a disease from which the Government is suffering acutely—although, thanks to a judicious administration of Dover Powder, the crisis appears to have passed its acutest stage—has come to light at Aldershot, where there has been established an Army school of farriery, equipped with a staff of thirty teachers for the purpose of instructing sixty pupils. Two pupils per teacher should show excellent results; but at the same time it seems rather "putting it across" the taxpayer. The school is in charge of a Captain (who, it is alleged, is in receipt of a full Army pension), a Quartermaster-Instructor assisted by another officer, one staff sergeant, five other sergeants, and twenty-two non-commission officers, and others of various lower ranks. It is suggested, and there are very good reasons for believing, that as much as £20,000 a year would be saved if this school were utterly abolished, and if, in the place thereof, Army units trained their own shoeing smiths. Even—and we are ready to be convinced—though the retention of the school be proved to be an absolute necessity, we venture to suggest that it could be continued on a far more economical basis with a Sergeant-Major in charge, under the supervision of a Veterinary officer. It is a matter of public importance that the War Office cannot ignore—especially if £20,000 can be saved annually. Although but a small item in the carnival of official waste, "every little counts."

A GHASTLY POOR LAW SCANDAL.

PITIFUL PLIGHT OF A DEAD PAUPER.

INCIDENTS occur in this Christian England of ours, in this Year of Grace Nineteen hundred and twenty-one, which would have been reckoned infamous during the darkest period of our national history. One such recently brought the rural parish of Pencombe, Herefordshire, into sudden and sickening prominence. A single man, named Andrew Lloyd, aged 40, a native of the district and all his life a casual labourer for local farmers, sought the shelter of the Bromyard Workhouse Infirmary on account of a chronic ulcerated leg. On December 30th last, for reasons which are now buried in the grave, he insisted on leaving the pauper hospital, and made his way—ill as he was—to Pencombe, where, the following day, he obtained employment with Mr. Morgan, a local farmer, who had the humanity not only to engage an obviously sick man, but to give him, in addition to his wage, a bed in a small brick-built outbuilding.

FELL DEAD.

Almost incapable of effort, Lloyd could scarcely crawl about his work; on Sunday, the 2nd January, he fell dead in the outbuilding. A doctor was obtained, and the police notified. The former certified that the cause of death was valvular disease of the heart; the latter duly notified the Union that Andrew Lloyd had died within the area of their jurisdiction. For years past the Bromyard Board of Guardians have contracted with a carpenter named James for the supply of coffins for the paupers; and Mr. James declares that when the contract was entered into he made it perfectly clear to the Guardians that at no time would he do anything beyond supplying the coffins to the place where the bodies might be lying, leaving the remaining melancholy rites of the undertaker to the Union, whose duty it was to provide for the screwing down. On the day of the funeral, Thursday, January 6th, the Rector of Pencombe attended the cemetery to fulfil his mournful office; but no cortége arrived. Messengers were despatched to seek the cause of the delay. Arrived at the outbuilding where Lloyd had breathed his last, they found the poor, dishonoured, and neglected corpse, clad as in life in rough-stained working garments, lying beside the empty coffin on the floor. Being only a pauper, whom nobody owns, the kindly Guardians of the Poor had omitted to provide for him those last essential offices to which the vilest clay, made in God's image, and ennobled by the majesty of death, has an unchallenged right.

A HORRIBLE SIGHT.

Where the Guardians had been neglectful the rats had been attentive. These loathsome creatures had fed upon the corpse's hands and the flesh of the face, hastening decomposition, and producing mutilations of a most ghastly description. There lay the body, a reproach to man and to the shameful Poor Law system which permits of such atrocities, until a neighbour of Farmer Morgan, Arthur Jenkins by name, steeling himself to the task, removed the outcast's boots, placed the corpse in the coffin, and screwed it down. Then did the funeral proceed. The indignation of the Rector of Pencombe may be imagined. But his letter of remonstrance to the Bromyard Board of Guardians appears to have been treated as a matter of little moment. The Chairman, Captain E. F. H. Evans, expressed perfunctory regret and offered lame excuses, in which the contractor for coffins was obliquely blamed. But no satisfactory explanation as to how this scandalous incident could possibly have occurred in Twentieth-Century England was offered, and the appalling and pitiful affair remains a lasting stain on the record of the Guardians of Bromyard.

COLLIE CONFUTED.

ILL ADVICE OF FORMER MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Sir John Collie was formerly Director of Medical Services. When recently addressing the Faculty of Insurance he embarked upon some rather sweeping criticisms of the methods pursued by the Ministry of Pensions. We have frequently done the same, and with sufficient justification. But with Sir John Collie, on many points, we are compelled to join issue. Sir John's aim is the cutting down of national expenditure—and it is a laudable one. But so long as we have a pen to wield, it shall not be done at the cost of men who have served and suffered. He expressed the opinion that the repeated examinations of disabled men by boards, each comprising three doctors, was extravagant as compared with the system followed by Insurance Companies, who employ a single medical man. We dislike the comparison. An Insurance Company is a commercial concern, out to make profit for its shareholders. The Ministry of Pensions is a Department of the State whose duty it is to hand out, not merely absolute justice, but fair, even generous, treatment to men whose physical disabilities have arisen through their devotion to the national cause. One doctor is not enough to inspire the confidence and safeguard the interests of these men. Sir John should remember that when he was Director of Medical Services only about 6,000 pensioners were examined each week. That number has now increased to between 21,000 and 25,000. Sir John, moreover, stated that a large number of men in perfect health are enjoying pensions. There may be isolated instances, but such a sweeping assertion is an unwarranted imputation. In our last issue we had something to say on the subject of commuted pensions. We endeavoured to give the pensioner some idea of the loss he might sustain in accepting a capital sum in exchange for a regular weekly income. Sir John advocates commutation—for the reason, forsooth, that it would mean an enormous saving to the nation. So it would—but at whose cost? It must not be done at the expense of men but for whose sacrifices we to-day should be a vassal state to Germany.

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IT is with a sense of deep satisfaction, which we feel sure will be shared by every reader, that we are able to announce the result of our seventeenth Football Competition. The huge first prize of £2,000 has been won outright by Mr. A. Halfpenny, of 52, James's Street, Swansea, a man who, after rendering splendid service in France as a private in the Liverpool Scottish, was so terribly wounded on the Somme that he lost both his legs.

No stranger to good fortune in his earlier days, Mr. Halfpenny is happy in the possession of a brisk and bonny wife, and since his discharge from the Army on a pension which, though substantial, is all too little for their pressing needs, the couple have been struggling to maintain a little general business in one of the poorer districts of Swansea. They have three children under the age of nine years—no small responsibility in these difficult times. Naturally, too, the poor fellow is terribly handicapped, both legs having been shattered below the knee, the kind efforts of the Roehampton Hospital doctors having failed to secure him anything like complete comfort in the use of artificial limbs. As a result, Halfpenny walks only short distances, and for the rest uses a self-propelled invalid chair, travelling about the streets, in which he has become quite a familiar figure. Now, like a bolt from the blue, comes the news of a stroke of good fortune which may well transform his whole prospects in life and dispel the depression that is too apt to gather in the mind of a man incurably disabled. Naturally we are proud and happy to have been the means, through the agency of a *bona-fide* competition, of lifting the cloud upon this little Swansea home.

The Prize-winner's Record.

Born in Berkshire thirty-seven years ago, Halfpenny has spent a good deal of his life overseas. A journeyman plasterer by trade, he emigrated as a very young man to South Africa, working afterwards in the Argentine and Canada, as well as in the United States, where his wife joined him in 1914. Then came the grim challenge of the war, and, as a man of patriotic instincts, still strong and active, Halfpenny could not resist the call. Disinclined to waste time in crossing the Atlantic, he made his way to Canada, and there endeavoured to enlist; but there were certain difficulties in the way, and he was compelled, after all, to return to this country, where he lost no time in joining the famous Liverpool Regiment. He seems to have taken kindly to military service, and to this day no word of regret escapes him in respect of the voluntary enlistment that was to spell such terrible physical disaster. Debarred from active pursuits, the crippled ex-soldier has found many new interests, not the least of them

the renewed study of football, which in earlier days was his favourite game. In his helpless condition the good fellow cannot attend many matches, although he gratefully acknowledges the kindness of the local football authorities. But it has become his favourite recreation to study the "form" of the leading teams, with the result that at length he has to his credit the wonderful achievement of having correctly forecasted the results of fourteen first-class matches played on the same day. His windfall of £2,000 has been won as a result of patient effort steadily maintained, and we desire publicly to offer him our hearty congratulations. Our readers, we are sure, will not misunderstand us if we repeat that we have an earnest and peculiar satisfaction in handing over the prize of £2,000 to this legless hero of the Somme. It is a subject upon which we can hardly trust ourselves to write, but we can form some dim impression of the terrible despair and agony of mind that must at times assail those who, in their country's service, have sacrificed the best of their physical manhood. At times, the temptation to repent of the act of patriotic devotion which, in the case of the voluntary recruits, at any rate, sent them into that hell of danger which we spoke of as "the Front," must be almost overwhelming—and when, added to this, there is the feeling, not wholly baseless, that the public memory is short and its gratitude waning, the cup of bitterness must indeed be complete. In the case of our gallant prize-winner, there were business and domestic difficulties that might easily have daunted the courage of a man less brave; and to say that this huge money prize is a godsend to him is to understate the truth.

Brighter Future in Store.

We believe there is some medical authority for the statement that the effect of a crushing misfortune can, as a rule, only be counteracted by an access of joy, equally sudden and complete. Such a poetic equilibrium of fate is seldom attained. In the case of the Swansea prize-winner it has come about in a manner wholly unexpected, and as a result of his own tenacious interest in the common things of life, in spite of every temptation to despair. Also, it is a case of perseverance rewarded. In reply to our representative who had the happy task of confirming the glad news, Halfpenny stated that for many years past he had been a frequent participator in newspaper competitions, and, while never securing any signal success, had always had an idea at the back of his mind that some day he would strike lucky. With his £2,000 prize he intends first to "do the right thing by the three youngsters," and then to fit himself up with the best artificial limbs that money can buy. Literally, the prize will set him on his feet again; at any rate, it has lifted a cloud of anxiety from a British hero's home.

BOGGLES IN BELFAST.

THE KNELL OF PARTING DAY IN IRELAND.

"Towards 9.30 p.m." a young man made his way into the office of the Surveyor of Taxes in Belfast, "to transact a little business in connection with his Income Tax." It seems a queer time of day for an irksome job of that sort, but Ireland has always been a topsy-turvy country. Leaving, he found the cars so crowded with people who wanted to get home ere the curfew tolled the "knell of parting day," 10.30 to be precise, that he decided to go back by train, but found he would then be on earth during prohibited hours. Somebody in plain clothes ran him into the office of the Colonel of the Watch, who offered him a permit to go out—but a permit was of no use, his home being a long way off, and no taxis were to be had. Realising this fact, the Colonel sent him away in a military lorry. Instead of being driven home, as he thought, the lorry landed him at Victoria Barracks, where he was cast into a cell. Ultimately he was put into a motor-car, in which he was driven home. When he arrived it was nearly 2 a.m. No apologies were extended to the unfortunate man. Talk about a starry night for a ramble! But no matter. At least one man we know certainly isn't going to Belfast to enjoy it.

VIA DOLOROSA.

AN ANIMAL'S PILGRIMAGE OF PAIN.

A case came before the Kingston-on-Thames cadis but a few days ago, when John Charles Hunt, aged twenty-two, a farm-hand, of Shepperton, was charged with cruelty to a cow by travelling it while in an unfit state. The cow, a "very fat and heavy animal," was driven from Sunbury to Kingston Market—a distance of between seven and eight miles. Gradually the insensitive parts of the animal's forefeet were worn away, until the exquisitely tender tissues of the hoofs were exposed to the friction of the road surface, and at the Lion Gates of Hampton Court blood began to flow and left a pitiful trail from there to Kingston Market. The agony this wretched animal must have suffered is beyond conception. The misery of a chafed heel magnified a million times might approach the anguish of that walk. The cow was killed to save it further torment. Here, surely, was a case for condign punishment. We grant that a certain indifference to the pain of animals is inherent in the average agricultural worker. But there are limits to which this unconcern must be confined. Hunt, old enough to appreciate his action and to realise the torture he was inflicting on his charge, was—discharged with a caution. For this travesty of justice he is not to blame. What of the Kingston Bench?

THE LURE OF LEWIS.

A GOLD-MINE OFFERED FOR A SHILLING.

Two fools are born every minute, and only one dies, otherwise flat-catchers like P. L. Lewis, of 26, Burnthwaite Road, London, S.W.6, would have just two dismal alternatives—work or suicide. This worthy advertises in a local "journal" that "either sex can earn £5 weekly in spare time at home." Applicants who reply receive a leaflet, costing about 7s. 6d. a thousand, in which the original figure of £5 is raised to £10, "according to the ideas put into the plan." It is also stated that the scheme "will prove a little gold mine." The leaflet further declares that the "plan" will be sent for 5s. post free, but "for a limited time at 1s." Whoever suggests that any person of either sex can easily make £10 weekly in spare time is a barefaced liar, and when the liar offers to sell "little gold mines" at a bob a time, he is a blatant fraud into the bargain. If some of the fools who maintain these fraudulent liars in luxury with their humble shillings would count ten before they nibbled at such an obvious bait, they wouldn't *be* fools. In the meantime, if a little of the legal effort expended in preventing free-born Britons getting a drink when thirsty was turned on these bob-snatching schemes, men of the Lewis type might be compelled to earn an honest living.

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To James Parker, Esq., M.P., Junior Lord of the Treasury, Whitehall, S.W.

GOOD LORD,—A nice sort of Job's comforter you are, to be sure! I don't want to get you into a row with the boss, but if you don't moderate your language, and get a smile on and cheer us up a bit, I shall have no compunction in asking Mr. Lloyd George to perceive you. The idea of your going down to your constituents and telling them without scruple and without diffidence that Budget estimates cannot be materially reduced for many years to come and that taxes are likely to be at the same overwhelming level for the next twenty years! *Firmez la porte!* Shut up! The boss won't thank you for going about chin-wagging in this way, I can tell you. You'll spoil his chances at the General Election. Besides, we all want to live in hope—even if we die in despair. JOHN BULL.

To Sir Hallewell Rogers, M.P.

DEAR SIR HALLEWELL,—Some time ago the Birmingham Small Arms Co., of which I believe you are Chairman, very rightly pledged themselves to give ex-Service men the preference for employment wherever possible. I understand, however, that, in the wages office alone, out of sixty clerks employed until recently only ten were men who had served in the fighting forces during the War, and, now that reduction of staff has unfortunately become necessary, these have been dismissed, leaving some thirty "civies" in possession. This, of course, is quite in accordance with political practice, as regards "promise" and "performance." But is it playing the game? JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Guildford.

MY LORD,—You recently made a very eloquent and moving speech on our obligation, as a Christian nation, to succour the children of our late enemies, but you seem to have refrained from answering a most pertinent question, addressed to you in a letter which you read at the meeting: "*what are you trying to do for the children of the unemployed in England?*" I should not have to remind your Lordship that the Book which constitutes your "standing orders" contains, not only the commands "Love your enemies," but "Deal thy bread to the hungry, and . . . bring the poor that are cast out into thy house," and "If any provide not for his own . . . he is worse than an infidel." I take it that "his own," in this instance, means his own countrymen, and not merely his own household. What do you say?

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. F. Debenham, Manager, Ministry of Labour Employment Exchange, Glasgow.

SIR,—I have had the dubious privilege of perusing your circular letter—done on official paper, sent in an official franked envelope, with a similar franked envelope enclosed for reply—asking the recipient to find you "an unfurnished house, within easy reach of the city." I do not need to emphasise the fact that this use of official stationery, appliances, and time for private purposes is grossly improper and must cease forthwith, but I do hope that there was no queue of poor out-of-work devils, shivering in the cold and rain, waiting with faint hope of attention, while you were composing these and reading through the replies. JOHN BULL.

To Col. W. H. A. Wharton, Chairman of Magistrates, Gisborough.

COLONEL CHAWBACON,—From your rustic jurisdiction comes the news that a miner, charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on a local magnate's sacred soil, pleaded that the rabbit which he caught was running on the highway. Whereupon, in fining him 7s. 6d., you told him the "highway is only for people to pass up and down, and that he was just as guilty as if he had caught it in a field." Now, he was charged with trespass, not with theft. If he did not trespass, having never left the highway, why was he fined? And let me whisper, in the nearest of your long ears, that the sort of mediæval tosh which you and other Magistrates bray from the bench in these days of leanness and Bolshevik activity breeds more trouble than any agitator's ranting. JOHN BULL.

To George Hutcheon, Esq., Town Councillor, Campbeltown, Scotland.

DEAR SIR,—The only objection I have to your motion in the Council Chamber that Mr. Cordiner should resign his post as Secretary of the Kintyre War Pensions Committee is that he will take not the slightest notice of it. According to you, he has already a substantial appointment under the Argyllshire Education Authority, and as he did no work in the war, if he had a supersensitive appreciation of equity, he would doubtless make way for one of the many ex-soldiers out of a job in your town. The Secretary of the Pensions Committee is a Government official, and your Council can no more put him out of office than you can sack the Man in the Moon. Also, when it comes to brass tacks I am not confident that many men in Mr. Cordiner's position would sit less tight in his seat than this two-jobbed gentleman himself. JOHN BULL.

To Sheriff Principal Crole, Edinburgh.

DEAR SHERIFF,—A few days ago an ex-soldier, charged with stealing two registered letters, was sentenced by you to seven months' imprisonment. He was badly wounded (in the head, I am informed) at Mons, and after discharge became a postman. Later, the postal officials learned he had been charged with drunkenness in the Army and gave him notice to leave. This rankled unduly with him—hence his lapse. Surely, therefore, he deserved some mercy. JOHN BULL.

To John Gibbs, 20, Kensal Road, Paddington.

SCOUNDREL,—You have been sentenced to six months hard labour to teach you, as the Magistrate said, not to kick women. The charge was that you assaulted your sister-in-law by kicking her in the abdomen when she was daily expecting to become a mother. No doubt you are one of those cowards who reserve your brute strength for helpless women, while you wince at the slightest threat where men are concerned. A few strokes of the cat should have seasoned your sentence but, unfortunately, the law did not allow it. Let me remind you, however, that two lives were involved in your outrage, and you may still have to face another reckoning day, when your unborn relative passes judgment on you in after years. JOHN BULL.

To George Harris, Esq., Actor, Claverton Street, London, S.W.

SIR,—You have no reason whatever to be ashamed of your part in the case put up against you in Marlborough Street Police Court. In common with the Magistrate, Mr. Leycester, "I believe your story to be true from beginning to end, and that these soldiers are lying when they say you tried to rescue their prisoner." That is improbable on the face of it, unless I am to believe you are a fool. This particular escort of red-hats were no doubt a gang of bullies. One of them provoked a Guardsman, who was in a bus, to retort, and when he did so dragged the man out and put him under arrest—another brutally hitting you in the neck for no other reason than that you and those with you who witnessed the incident followed to report themselves for testimony in the arrested Guardsman's favour. Following the remarks of the Magistrate, I hope their Commanding Officer will give these red-hats a sharp lesson in restraint.

JOHN BULL.

In the Barber's Chair - - - - Mr. Winston Churchill.

'Ello, sir! Back from the Ri-veerer, I see. I 'ope you 'ad a good time. I've orfen fancied I'd like to go to Nyce meself, or Monte Carlo, but funds never would run to it. But yer never know. P'r'aps better times is comin'. Chamberlain ses there ain't going to be no noo taxes in the noo Budget—w'ich is somethink to be thankful for—though I don't know 'oo 'e could 'ave shoved 'em on to if there '*ad* bin. 'E's took E.P.D. orf, an' now you're a-goin' to the Colonial Orfice. There ain't no doubt things begin to look a bit brighter. . . . *Shavin'?* Yessir. . . .

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Yes, I reckon things look a bit brighter, in the circs, 'cos there ain't no doubt wot *chew'll* do w'en you takes over the Colonial Orfice . . . *'Ow do I know wot chew meanter do?* Well, I carn't say as I knows for shore, but I 'as an idea wot *I* would do, and I reckon you're got as much grey matter in yer lump o' lead as wot I 'ave. You'll git outer Mespot as fur as it's possible, o' corse, wot's corstin' the taxpayers over a million a week. A million a week is fifty-two million a yer—thet 'ud be a bit of a save, wouldn't it? We could afford to let chew 'ave the odd two million, p'r'aps, jest to keep the 'ole British Flag a flyin' in them deserts over the Arabs. Then there's Palestine, wot so many Jews don't seem extry anxious to go 'ome to. I know we've bin give a sorter mandate over the 'Oly Land, but don't let it corst too much to carry out, if you *don't* mind. If you acts on these lines, w'ich o' course you will, bein' a Statesman an' quite as brainy as meself, I don't mind sayin' you'll make a even bigger name fur yerself as Colonial Minister then wot chew did as Minister fur Wore. . . . *Am I tryin' to be sarcastic?* No, I ain't. I reckon thet in many ways you didn't make 'arf a bad Wore Minister. I ain't goin' to say nuthink about Sidney Street, Antwerp, Gally-polly, and "'Untin' the rats outer their 'oles," an' cetra. Let thet pawss. Wot I meantersay is, your two years at the Wore Orfice wasn't wasted. You demobbed five million men, w'ich wos a bit of a save, an' enlisted two 'undred an' eight thousand. Then you raised the pay of orficers an 'men in the ranks to somethink like a decent level, w'ich wos on'y justice. An' I'm rawther taken with your scheme of edjercashun for soljers. It seems ter me thet a bloke wot enlists to-day 'as a better chawnce to improve 'is mind then wot I did as a youngster. . . . . So I wishes yer luck at the Colonial Office, Mister Winston. I 'unnerstand you kin do pretty near anythink—paint picshers, write books, an'cetra. But if you puts yore 'ole weight into yore new job, you'll make good. . . . Goo'-day, sir; an' many thanks!

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I LEFT this subject a fortnight ago at the point at which, having made an offer to the Official Receiver of 5s. in the £ to the customers of the Bank for its assets, and having undertaken to provide any reasonable financial guarantees required, I had received the amazing reply that he would "immediately take steps to inquire further into the whole of the assets"! And it will be remembered that in my rejoinder I expressed surprise that this official should have authorised the definite statement in the Press that, beyond the 2s. about to be paid, there was no prospect of more than a further shilling in the £ without having full investigation of the value of the assets. It is certainly a unique position that I should be called upon to put up a large sum in cash as a condition precedent to the Official Receiver reviewing the whole situation, and probably at the end handing me back my deposit with an intimation that the original estimate of an ultimate 3s. in the £ was incorrect. At any rate, that was the stage at which the matter was left, and I now propose to record such further progress as has been made.

The first thing I did was to instruct an eminent firm of solicitors, Messrs. Arthur Benjamin & Cohen, who have been associated with me in many important matters during recent years and who had much to do with the liquidation of the Charing Cross and Birkbeck Banks, to take up the legal part of the negotiations, and, accordingly, on the 31st January they wrote to the Official Receiver the following letter:—

> *Mr. Bottomley has handed us the correspondence he has had with you and Sir L. E. Halsey, with reference to Farrow's Bank. In your letter of the 24th inst. you say that if he will formally submit an offer in writing the same shall be submitted to the Court, and notice given of the appointment. We would remind you that on the 20th January Mr. Bottomley wrote Sir L. E. Halsey to inquire whether, subject to satisfactory guarantees, an offer of 5s. in the £ for the total assets of the undertaking would be considered, stating that he was prepared to enter into the necessary contract, backed by such guarantees as under the direction of the Court might be required, and on the understanding that in the meantime no private sale of premises or any assets was to take place, and that as evidence of his bona fides, upon an undertaking being given to the above effect, he would lodge a substantial cash deposit with you. This is the formal offer which Mr. Bottomley wishes you to bring before the Court, and which he confirmed again in his letter to you of the 21st January, Would you kindly give us notice of the application, in order that we may be represented before the Judge? It is obviously a matter upon which the Judge's direction must be taken, and as it is a serious offer, and business is meant, we take it that you will obtain the direction of the Court as soon as possible. We note in your letter that the Banks constituting the London Bankers' Clearing House Committee have agreed to advance a sum sufficient to pay 2s. in the £, and that a first charge on the assets of the Company has been arranged in their favour to secure the advance. We do not think that this matter affects the question of the offer, as, subject to the offer being acceptable and the matter concluded, the first charge would be paid off, and the assets would be free. The great point is that the assets should not be dealt with pending the direction of the Court, as naturally, if in the meantime the Banks under their first charge were to realise some of the best assets, it would materially alter the position. As we take it the Banks will want repaying at an early date, the sooner the matter can be brought before the Court for directions the better If, in the meantime, you will submit us a draft of the Contract with the schedule of the assets attached, together with the deposit that you require, of course subject to the approval of the Court, we will be approving it on Mr. Bottomley's behalf so as to save time.*

And on the 2nd February my solicitors wrote again to the Official Receiver, as follows:—

> With reference to our letter of the 31st ult., it is obvious that if the assets are to remain intact, so that the proposed purchasers can deal with them, the matter should proceed at once. We would suggest for your consideration that your solicitors might draft a preliminary Contract, and send it on to us with the schedule of the assets—you fixing, subject to the approval of the Court, the deposit to be paid, and the nature of the guarantees you require, and then there would be a definite and concrete proposition to discuss before the Judge. You will appreciate, if there is going to be any hurried realisation in the present state of financial affairs and industrial depression, it would materially alter the position and the value of the assets.

At length—namely, on February 3rd—the following reply came from Messrs. Lawrance, Webster, Messer & Nichols, solicitors, of 14, Old Jury Chambers:—

> If we are correct in understanding that your client is prepared to purchase the assets of the Bank for a sum sufficient to enable the Official Receiver to distribute a dividend to the creditors at the rate of 5s. in the £, we are instructed to apply for the directions of the Court as soon as we are in possession of the particulars which the Court will require before dealing with the matter. These seem to us to be:—(1) Particulars and valuation of the assets to be scheduled as included in the sale. These are being prepared by the Official Receiver with the assistance of the Special Manager. (2) The amount of the deposit which your client is prepared to pay on approval of contract. In this connection we understand that a dividend of 5s. in the £ will require more than £1,000,000. (3) The guarantees offered by your client for payment of the balance of the purchase price. (4) The date at which your client would be prepared to complete the purchase. As you are aware, the Official Receiver has already made arrangements with the sanction of the Court for the immediate payment of an interim dividend of 2s. in the £, and he is anxious that such further distribution as may be possible shall be made without delay. If you will supply us with the particulars under the last three heads and the guarantees offered are satisfactory to the Official Receiver, we shall

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be in a position to prepare a conditional Contract and the necessary application to the Court can be made. Having regard to the arrangements made with the Banks, realisation of some of the assets cannot in the meantime be delayed, and the Official Receiver can give no undertaking on this point; but of course any realisation of scheduled assets would be for the purchaser's account and a matter of adjustment in the price.

To this letter Messrs. Arthur Benjamin & Cohen replied :—

We duly received your letter of the 3rd, and have now had an opportunity of seeing Mr. Bottomley thereon. He points out to us, and we are bound to say we agree with him, that it is very difficult for him to give specific answers to your questions 2, 3 and 4 without having before him the particulars and valuation of the assets referred to in paragraph 1 of your letter; and, having regard to the urgency and importance of the matter, he expresses surprise—especially after the recent official announcement as to the dividend to be expected—that a list containing these particulars is not already available. And we note that, whilst you say such list is now being prepared, you do not give us any indication as to when it is likely to be ready. Surely the Official Receiver and Special Manager must have had these particulars before them, first, when they mortgaged the assets to the Banks, and, secondly, when they authorised the statement that a dividend of three shillings in the pound was all that could be expected by the creditors. Mr. Bottomley is also seriously concerned at the last paragraph of your letter, in which you inform us that "having regard to the arrangements made with the Banks, realisation of some of the assets cannot be delayed," and, further, that "the Official Receiver can give no undertaking on this point." We, of course, quite understand that should our client's offer be accepted, any realisations made in the meantime would be credited to him, but the whole essence of the negotiations is to prevent the slaughter of assets, and, above all things, the sale of them by private treaty. This observation especially applies to the freehold properties of the Bank and to the policies on the life of Mr. Farrow, two assets which our client regards as of the greatest value. As to the premises in particular, Mr. Bottomley feels very strongly that they should be sold only by public auction, as, having regard to their carefully-selected positions, he feels sure that many Banks would be desirous of acquiring them for branches of their own. Pending the particulars for which we are waiting, could we have any assurance on at least this point? We are also given to understand that the Gazeland China Clay Company, Limited, in which the Bank is so largely interested, is an asset which with careful handling could be made of considerable value, and we should be glad to know whether anything is being done in connection with this Company. May we again press you to expedite the bringing of the matter before the Court, as every day's delay jeopardises the interests of the creditors—whilst we are sure you will agree with us that our client cannot possibly arrange for so large a sum as will be required without being able to place before his financial friends particulars of the assets to be acquired.

IN POSSESSION.

And thus, so far as the Liquidator is concerned, the matter stands at the time of going to press.

The Gazeland China Clay Property.

From another source, however, there comes important information respecting the Gazeland China Clay Company, Limited. I am warned that, if this valuable asset is to be saved, not a moment is to be lost. The Company is at present a live concern, and with the provision of a little further capital can, I am advised, be made into a thriving undertaking. You will observe that in their last communication my solicitors direct special attention to this asset. And what does the Government propose to do about the Income Tax it has received upon what the prosecution alleges to have been fictitious profits? In this connection I would refer to a striking article in the *National News*, in which it is pointed out that, according to the case which Mr. Farrow and his co-defendants have to meet, the Bank has since 1909 made continuous losses, amounting to over £1,000,000, apart from any depreciation in the value of the securities held, paying dividends to its shareholders averaging 6½ per cent. per annum, or some half a million in all—the State having thus, according to its own contention, received many thousands of pounds to which it was not entitled. I am aware that, under the existing law, a refund for more than three years cannot be claimed, but surely in a case of this kind—involving the happiness of thousands of tradesmen and others—the Government will not stand upon its strict legal rights. I have already referred to the wonderful development in the value of the assets of the Liberator Building Society and the Law Guarantee Society, which were treated as practically worthless at the time of the collapse of these undertakings; and I recall the case of the City of Glasgow Bank, which failed some years ago, and some of the Directors of which were sent to prison. What happened? The Liquidator said, in effect, to Sir Charles Tennant—the father of Mrs. Asquith—"Here are some shares which the Directors believe, or pretend to believe, are valuable. I don't, and you can have the lot at 2s. 6d. per share." Sir Charles bought them—and lived to see them go to £25. They were shares in the famous Mysore Gold Mining Company.

A Surprising Pronouncement.

Altogether, I am far from happy at the outlook. I cannot help feeling that there is no keen desire—I will not say on the part of the Official Receiver, who is, of course, an absolutely impartial officer—but on that of the Banks, who now hold a mortgage on the whole of the assets, to facilitate the negotiations. First of all, when I submit my offer I am told that a further investigation will be held into the value of the assets—nowithstanding the definite announcement already made; at the next stage I am informed that the Official Receiver and the Special Manager are now engaged preparing a list of such assets—although I should have thought that a schedule of them would be found in the mortgage given to the Banks; and, last—and worst of all—I am warned that no undertaking can be given that, pending the negotiations, none of the properties of the Bank shall be disposed of. I confess that this last aspect of the matter worries me greatly. So far, I have seen no advertisements for either tenders or of public auctions—and all I can say at the moment is that, if it should transpire that there has been any hole-and-corner realisation of the assets, I shall have something very pertinent—and perhaps impertinent—to say upon the matter.

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The PEOPLE'S PULPIT

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

Letters and postcards for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," pages 18 and 19.

Boycott Boche Bakers.

It is the duty of the public to find out, *and boycott*, the shops of those master bakers who are again employing Germans and Austrians in preference to Britons. It will be found that not a few of the masters, as well as the men, are Boches.—P. C. BRAGG, High Street N., East Ham.

(*To a great extent, no doubt, the remedy lies with the public, though the Government might do far more to eliminate the undesirable alien.*)

Bank Audits.

If the Government made it compulsory that appointed auditors should inspect every bank's accounts half-yearly or yearly, and see that annual Reports were not false, or accounts cooked, we should have no failures like Farrow's; the evil would be nipped in the bud, and the hard-earned savings of the public safeguarded. —K. V. CHAMPION, Northbrook Street, Newbury.

(*Perhaps so, but as long as the Chancellor of the Exchequer is in the pocket of the bankers, it is not likely that the Government will take drastic action.*)

Shops Act and Unemployment.

Wipe out the present useless restrictions as to shop closing. The Shop Hours Act would still apply to shop employees. By shops keeping open longer the towns would be brightened, and busy housewives could do much of their shopping in the evening. Large shops would certainly have to employ more assistants, which would reduce unemployment.—G. J. TUNMORE, London Road, King's Lynn.

(*Our view is that, while there must be regulation of hours for assistants, there is no justification whatever for the Early Closing Orders.*)

"Single-Line" Peril.

In view of the terrible catastrophe on the Cambrian Railway, the Government should compel the railway companies to scrap that last survival of primitive railway days—the "single line"—which, despite the most up-to-date signal and staff arrangements, is still liable to the awful results of human fallacy. On all railways the track should be doubled without further delay, and so do away with the possibility of a similar tragedy.—SYD D'ERNEE, Queen's Road, Bootle, Lancs.

(*For years past we have indicted the Board of Trade for their callous neglect of public safety in these matters.*)

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mrs. Stone.

Dole and Degeneracy.

Thousands of the unemployed regard the dole as pocket money to be spent on amusements, and drink, while wife and children are left to struggle on as best they can. Food tickets instead of cash would remedy this scandal and stimulate men to look for work. The present system is rapidly converting the "unemployed" into the "unemployable" *and the criminal.*—M. SMITH, Queen's Road, Hoylake, Cheshire.

(*We do not endorse this suggestion, and think our correspondent's strictures apply only to a small fraction of those unemployed.*)

Individual Independence.

Surely the real function of a Government is to safeguard the *independence* of the individual, not burden itself and them with an ever-increasing measure of *dependence*. If instead of State insurance, State Medical Aid, State-Aided Schools, etc., the State legislated for such a wage as would enable every individual to support himself and his family in an adequate and reasonable manner, it would be for the far greater benefit and *independence* of us all, hasten the time when England would be "Merry England" once more, and merit that fast disappearing claim to be the home of the free.—(Mrs.) R. J. STONE, Sandgate Road, Folkestone.

"Victors and Vanquished."

It is monstrous that while in "victorious" Britain taxation is now being levied at the rate of £22 per head, taxation in "vanquished" Germany should be only £3 per head. If that anomaly is not righted—and quickly—our industries will be wrecked by the competition of less heavily burdened German goods, and Germany, having lost the war, will have won the peace.—THEODORE CURRIE, Dumbarton Road, Glasgow.

(*We agree, and are not much impressed with the new financial terms laid down by the Supreme Council.*)

Claiming Our Children.

It is exasperating that a boy, just under fourteen years of age, who has made up all his attendances, cannot leave school to assist his delicate father in his small business for a few hours a day, by delivering light pastry, but must continue the three months of schooling *unless he is going to work at the mill.* In that case his release would be granted at once. The latter work would be more injurious to the boy than delivering light goods. When will parents be allowed to claim their own children?—MRS. DRIVER, Milbourne Street, Blackpool.

(*It looks as though in time there will be no such thing as our "own children." In this matter, much of our existing legislation is alarmingly subversive of parental rights.*)

Poisoning the People.

Lloyd George stated that we are an A1 nation with a C3 population. For this, food adulteration is mainly responsible. There is hardly an article of diet that is not openly faked. Copper in syrup, borax in cream, Chinese flour (of no food value) in bread, and hosts of others. The Government should realise that a nation, like an army, "marches on its stomach," and should stop food adulteration, which is ruining the nation's health. Let us have pure food (even if less of it) and *pure beer.* —T. E. KERSWELL, Cornwall Road, Bishopston, near Bristol.

(*An early task of the Business Government will be a drastic strengthening of the Food and Drugs Act.*)

France's "Small Holdings."

While serving in France I was impressed by the number of small holdings there. The tenants seemed to get a fair living and were able to keep large families. I have also been impressed, since my return to England, by the amount of waste land which we have here. If the Government were to put unemployed ex-Service men to till this land, finding agricultural implements, horses, etc., it would help to make England a self-supporting country and would absorb many now "unemployed." —S. STRADMAN, Lunsford Lane, Larkfield, Kent.

(*Unfortunately the "small holdings" question has been bungled every time a British Government has approached it, the chief difficulty being that "capital" as well as "land" is necessary to make it a success.*)

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And Budget troubles coming,
Lloyd George still fancies he can hear
That dam Jazz Band a-humming!

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Friendship 'twixt every nation,
The Yankee "starts in" to construct
A fleet to lick creation!

Evasion is the German's game,
Which he thinks rather funny;
But 'twill be England's lasting shame
If we don't get the money.

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Not Downhearted.

While Stock Markets are still more or less in the dumps, and croakers about the financial and commercial outlook are in a considerable majority, it is cheering to find such an expert as Sir Richard Vassar-Smith, of Lloyds Bank, taking a cheerful view of the situation. Sir Richard has always specialised on trade prospects, and no one is better worth listening to on this subject.

Buck Up.

While not attempting in any way to minimise the difficulties through which we are passing, Sir Richard hopes that in a comparatively short time "there may be such a development of the resources of this great Empire" as will sweep away our troubles. But there must be economy on the part of the Government, and honest work on the part of producers so as to stimulate consumption by a reduction of prices.

An Assassin's Blow.

In this connection he spoke of the recent coal strike as "the deadliest blow, apart from the war, that has been struck at the prosperity of the country for many a day," adding that there will have to be a considerable modification of the attitude displayed by the miners on that occasion before much progress can be made. They have lost some of our most profitable markets, paralysed our great mercantile marine, and brought several of our chief industries almost to a standstill. Surely that is a great "triumph" for Labour! Still E.P.D.—that great incubus upon the shoulders of the enterprising, and which prevented the rebound in trade which should naturally have followed the war-slump—is going at last, and one may be pardoned for a little optimism in regard to the future.

British Cellulose.

Although the directors have deemed it prudent to postpone payment of the Preference dividend which fell due on February 1, there is a confident ring in the circular announcing the fact that goes a long way to disarm criticism. They state that manufacturing progress has continued in a highly satisfactory manner, and that thanks to technical researches they are now obtaining results which surpass anything hitherto accomplished in this line. Delays are always disappointing, whatever the cause, but in this case patience is likely to be rewarded.

Dunlop Troubles.

It is certainly very unfortunate that by far the best year in the company's history should be followed by such serious difficulties as are now disclosed. In the twelve months to August 31 last, the next profits amounted to £2,164,000, an increase of £800,000 over the previous year after allowing for depreciation, including £358,000 applied to writing down the value of rubber in stock. That is a brilliant record, and seemed to justify the issue of three million shares at 10s. premium and the distribution from reserves by way of bonus of three new shares in respect of each one held.

Over Sanguine.

But the directors, it is now evident, were too sanguine. They banked on the war boom lasting, if not for ever at least until the new capital could fructify. And they bought up mills which have proved to be unnecessary and rubber estates which have, so far, yielded only loss instead of profit. Some of the mills have been shut down or disposed of and the rubber estates will pay in time when trade revives, so there is no need to be unduly pessimistic.

The American Slump.

Unfortunately, Dunlop America was caught badly in the United States motor slump, and to save the company from going into the hands of a receiver over £800,000 had to be found. Mr. F. A. Szarvasy, of the British Foreign and Colonial Corporation, came to the rescue and has straightened out the finances for the time being, but more capital is required and powers are sought to borrow up to £6,500,000, which is a big mouthful even for such a huge business as this. In consideration of allowing this to be done, it is proposed to increase the "A" and "B" Preference dividends by ½ per cent. and the "C" Preference by 1 per cent., which will naturally react on the earning capacity of the Ordinary shares. However, it is far better to face the situation boldly, and with the board largely reorganised perhaps the only sound policy for the shareholders is to support loyally the new management.

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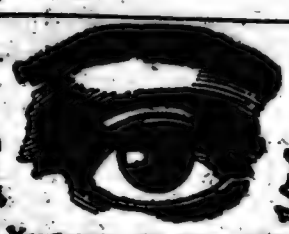

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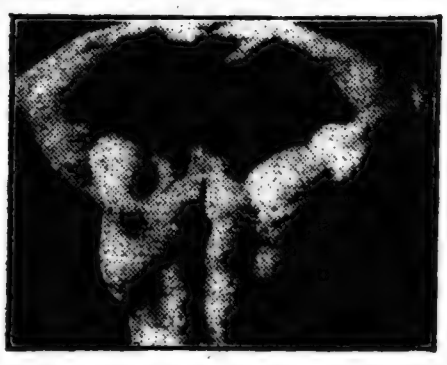

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Good!:—The Brighton and District Branch of the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers have a fund for the relief of widows and orphans who have fallen upon evil times, and they do a grand work. We would say to the various associations of discharged and demobilised men, Comrades, and the rest of them: "Go thou and do likewise." At the same time, we take it as a compliment to us that various organisations that fail send us S.O.S. signals for help—which is always given.

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(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the SPORTING LIFE.)

Acceptances.

Very few horses paid the minor forfeit in any of the Spring Handicaps. All those we have spoken favourably of have stood their ground. What we are now anxious to know is whether Mr. Jack Joel is to have Corn Sack trained for the Lincolnshire Handicap or the City and Suburban. Until that doubt is cleared up, we shall give Earna preference, despite the prejudice there is to mares in the Spring.

National Horses.

With every succeeding race he runs, Wavertree gains in public favour, and by National Day should prove a very live proposition for the race. If The Bore keeps well, Mr. H. Brown will ride his own horse, but has a capital second string to fall back upon in Mr. Bibby's horses.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

WINDSOR—WEDNESDAY.
Boveney Hurdle—*THE TSAR.
Slough Hurdle—MY LAND.
Weir Chase—RATHER DARK.

WINDSOR—THURSDAY.
Curfew Chase—STEADY MARCH.
Berkshire Hurdle—HANDSWORTH.
Royal Handicap Chase—*TOP HOLE.

HURST PARK—FRIDAY.
Walton Chase—*CHU CHIN.
Petersham Hurdle—WOODSYKE.
Richmond Hurdle—EBCHESTER.

HURST PARK—SATURDAY.
New Century Chase—CON CREGAN.
Ranelagh Chase—WAVERTREE.
Weybridge Hurdle—*VERTIGO.

HAYDOCK PARK—FRIDAY.
Golbourne Hurdle—*JUST FOR LUCK.
Friday Hurdle—PURO.

HAYDOCK PARK—SATURDAY.
Club Hurdle—HAKI.
Newton Chase—EAMON BEAG.
ASHTON HURDLE—*SCOTTISH ARCHER.

"The Greatest of These—"

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Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Saved:—With the sword of the landlord suspended over his head, an empty larder, and an increase in his family very imminent, an almost penniless ex-soldier appealed to us and found a friend.

Almost Worse:—Another ex-Tommy has heart disease and is unable to work. He has a wife and four children—two of them ill. He was behind with his rent, and the "chuckers out" were there to remove his pitiable belongings to the street when we came to the rescue.

The Bulk of Them:—About 80 per cent. of our cases are those of ex-soldiers who came home to be demobilised, and find no employment. In most instances the irate landlord is about, and the services of the midwife are required, also baby clothing! Which please note.

Sold Out:—A man has a wife and two ailing youngsters. Almost the entire home had been sold to provide food, and gaunt famine was in the abode until we were approached.

Partly on the Parish:—A widow has seven children, one of whom is of age to work and earns 13s. a week—the only income of the family. For the rest, help is given by the parish. After a brave struggle the woman broke down, and then remembered us.

Hardship, Indeed:—Suffering from epilepsy, an ex-soldier, like so many others with this malady, cannot find employment. To make matters worse, his wife is dying of consumption. Their only income is the out-of-work dole.

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

We frequently receive letters pointing out that many ex-Service men will not accept work owing to the wage offered, or because they prefer to live on the unearned out-of-work dole, and that a proportion of them are unemployable. Agreed! We come across them day after day—and weed them out when they appeal to us. One might go further with the argument and say that the tramp and the burglar who were conscripted, now that they are back, have resumed their former industry; whilst the barrel organ grinder and the pavement artist are to be looked upon with suspicion. We could quote numerous cases of the undeserving with whom we have come in contact—and sent to the right about.

God helps those who help themselves, and the class we admire most for their desire to progress and win independence are the chaps with brain, brawn, and self respect, who built up the Discharged Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Co-operation Society, Ltd., whose headquarters are now the ex-Service Stores at 8-11, Regent Street. One disabled man without money or friends started the movement, and now there are branches at Gloucester Road, Chatham, and Hounslow. These men did not sit down and whine, feel content with the out-of-work dole, play barrel organs, or cadge from the public. They showed a splendid sturdy independence, and we are glad to know that their efforts are having a grand and deserved result.

Let our friends not think that their kind contributions are thrown away blindfold. The person who lives on various funds and will not work because the public are kind-hearted, the professional beggar and cadging letter-writer and such like find no friends in us. But there is great and growing genuine distress with which, with your help, we are battling. Rest assured that your contributions are well administered, and that our sacred trust is scrupulously fulfilled.

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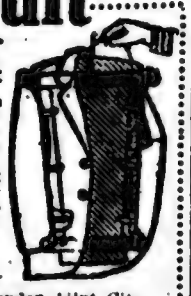

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"AN OLD EX-SOLDIER" (Streatham).—"If vacancies occur, and you can run Independent Parliamentary Candidates for any of the South London Constituencies. . ." Don't worry—vacancies will occur right enough.

E. M. H. (Bexley Heath).—"Some of the Government officials ought to be poleaxed." We would give them the privilege of the humane killer.

E. S. (N.S. Wales).—"Outside of this (your remarks on New Zealand), I admire your book." Like others, for all our alleged faults, you love us still.

McJ. H. (Huddersfield).—"Why not ask the King to put you in charge of the Empire?" It is for some kind friend like you to do that. We are too modest.

"A LOVER OF ANIMALS" (Wolverhampton).—"I want to lay my respects and thanks at your feet." You cause us to skip like a lamb.

"MERCY" (Wimborne).—"I am not in the habit of writing to Editors." Then be careful not to acquire it. It is liable to become a vice.

M. S. (Kensal Town).—Thanks, but we don't want any advice on "How to eat."

W. H. R. (Edinburgh).—"There are thousands of your readers in the 'Land o' Cakes—and Whusky." Hope they can afford the whusky as weel as the cakes.

E. L. (Alston).—"I think it would help if you would get up in the House and slate some of these hypocrites." Slating strictly barred.

A. R. (New York).—Don't let the dirty libels against Old England, circulated by the Hearst press, worry you. One doesn't expect more from a pig than a grunt in the way of speech.

A. V. B. (New York).—We never did think much of the quarantine arrangements in the "Land of Liberty." Land of "Liberties" would be a better name for it.

E. M. H. (Woking).—"Just fancy giving a man an Honour and not even know his name!" He is not our fancy.

"BASIL FROM BLIGHTY" (Monte Video).—"With Balfour I'm friendly, Lloyd George calls me 'Bas', Bonar dines me weekly, with Bottomley I jazz." Don't tell whoppers.

ST. A. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—No use whining to us about a new millionaire who has "left our ex-Service men bare," unless you mention the bloated plutocrat's name.

"POLL TAX" (San Francisco).—Your cutting of the Irish meeting in "Dreamland," 'Frisco, was more like nightmare.

F. W. J. (Peckham).—We cannot think the minds of mental patients can be improved by giving them food that resembles consolidated pig swill.

"A CHURCHWOMAN" (Norfolk).—When shall we have Church Reform?" Ask us an easier one. That is more difficult than the "'J.B.' Puzzle"!

C. G. W. (Tonbridge).—Whoever advised you that you have no chance against the police was in the circumstances, right. A witness makes the case grow stronger, saith the old proverb.

A. E. G. (Hammersmith).—"Can you tell me why . . . kippers should be 11d. lb. here and 7d. lb. in Woolwich?" If you *will* live in such a swell neighbourhood, you must pay.

F. T. (Sheffield).—"No apology—thanks." Thanks—for nothing.

F. G. P. (Herts).—Is water really necessary? We drink ours neat.

G. G. (Camberwell).—The Japs are a great little race. If it's a sin to be yellow, millions will be damned.

"LONG REACH" (Cal., U.S.A.).—The ex-Mayor of Seattle's comparisons between social and financial working-class conditions in the U.S.A. and Great Britain are wildly misleading.

"ENGLISHMAN" (Toronto).—"Apparently a man's only friend here is his dollars, and when they're gone may God help him." Let's hope so.

J. (Hyde Park).—You had better make a book of it. Too wordy and windy for us.

"HUSBAND" (Newton Abbot).—Your wife and children have had to go into the workhouse. Her initials are F. C. C.

J. B. (Musselburgh).—"Two blooming flappers they grew boys, These two flappers they grew——" What are *you* flapping about? Go and throw stones at yourself.

A. N. (Torquay).—P.C. Parker, of Exeter, saw boys playing footer with a tennis ball in a street on Sunday and lugged them before the beak, who charged them half-a-crown each. And we thought "Parker, P. C." of the halls a fictitious character!

G. L. (Dundee).—We have no sympathy with officer barrel-organ frauds or any other frauds, but if the public conscience has been roused, the result is not wholly bad.

C. E. S. (Bournemouth).—The revision of the Post Office annuities is urgent, we agree. We have tried to talk to the Postmaster-General about it, but can't get through on the 'phone.

D. P. (Cardiff).—Your limerick, addressed to Councillor T. Robinson, Lanchester, who made a bid for fame by saying that he scorned the men in khaki, gave him, we hope, a sleepless night and a rotten appetite.

"SILENT SUFFERER" (Hammersmith).—"Is Lord Buckmaster's Divorce Bill dead or only sleeping?" Neither; just doped.

"SYMPATHISER."—It seems rough that married women should have outside jobs, while widows are unemployed, but some wives have such darned lazy husbands that they have to work to keep the kids.

S. S. (Aldershot).—"There's nothinke Being Done to help the unemployed ex-service men." Steady! It isn't quite so bad as all that.

"ANXIOUS."—"If a married man dies, leaves a wife but no children, without a will, who will his money fall to?" Let's know how much you've got to leave, and we'll see what arrangements can be made. A photo of the wife might be useful.

"ANON." (Wells).—"What about the Canal between N. and S. Ireland?" It is silting up.

A. S. (Llandrindod Wells).—"I hope you can make this letter out." We tried X-Rays, Psycho-Analysis and Thought Reading, and still we failed. Put a few full stops in next time.

"LABOURER'S WIFE" (Chatham).—"My husband will be 15s. a week short at the Yard, while yesterday an ex-policeman was enrolled with a pension of £2 2s. a week, and in evenings plays an instrument at a music hall." Evidently *he* doesn't waste any time.

MRS. E. T. (Hackney).—"Can you tell me the reason for this silence on the part of the Press in regard to the ship joiners' strike?" Perhaps they want the strikers to shut-up also.

"NEATH" (Glam.).—Telkamp's circulars, posted from Berlin, have been frequently criticised by us. Likewise his curious business methods.

J. F. (Islington).—"All these ex-officers out with barrel-organs are a damned lot of crooks and humbugs living on the fat of the land." "All" is an exaggeration.

D. D. (Dartmouth).—Zounds! We were never so bethumped with words since first we called our brother's father dad.

J. F. G. (Leytonstone).—"The referee, by blowing his whistle over fifty times quite spoiled the match." Kept everyone awake, we presume.

"JURYMAN" (West Kensington).—"What does incontinence breed?" Well, it is said that like breeds like, isn't it?

"BUSINESS MAN" (W.1).—We suggest an amendment to your scheme of putting Army animals under the care of the Army Veterinary Service. Include all the long-eared officials.

"CONSTANT READER" (E.1).—Can't you see through the *Daily Herald* acceptance of German razor advts.? They want Germany to get money from us to pay their debts.

F. W. (Woking).—Your case is one of many, and the Government could find work for thousands if they took on the job of explaining the hardships of unemployment pay.

M. D. (Cardiff).—If you *will* insist on sending us your daily postcard we will try to endure it, soothed by the thought that you are increasing the profits of the Post Office.

"No. 25" (West Norwood).—"I sat next to three Germans on a bus. What would have happened if Germany had won?" You would have been lucky to get a coal-cart.

A. O. S. (W. Brompton).—"I did not see the death of Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg until Wednesday morning." Better late than never.

S. E. S. (Clapham).—You do not appear to have experienced any better luck with the "Ivory Cross" than a previous correspondent. Instead of "ivories," they seem to make their applicants cross.

E. C. (Mass., U.S.A.).—"I claim a share in the Paravane idea." What, *another* one?

"FIREMAN" (Port Talbot).—Billy Merson sings about "A Spaniard who Blighted my Life." You are not so badly off; the Spaniard only pinched your job.

C. H. (Leyton).—Of course we are always glad to consider articles, etc., sent by anyone.

"TOWNSMAN" (Yeovil) writes us "concerning a business man of this town who is nothing but a bloodsucker of hardworked lady assistants." We don't like his occupation.

"SUFFERER" (Levenshulme).—"On entering the Labour Exchange here the first thing I noticed was the following on the wall: 'Blessed are the poor, for they shall be comforted.'" With cool and refreshing fruit?

"OBSERVER" (Tottenham).—"Evidence of wilful disrespect towards Royalty by various members of the community is very apparent." We have sometimes noticed it.

"FAIR READER" (Reading).—Your praises make us blush.

"SQUARE DEAL" (Acton) calls attention to the small salary (Rs. 330), offered for a chemist's assistant in India, and seeks advice. If he seek adventure, accept; if salary, think twice.

J. MACA. (Burnley).—Yes, when war broke out the late Mr. Charles Palmer was editor of the *Globe*. He certainly was never at any time "in sympathy with the Anti-War Party."

F. B. (Hants).—You do us proud in wanting to see us Prime Minister. When we are, we shall give short shrift to bloodsuckers.

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"WATCH" (Rochester).—"When the war broke out, who was the coward stood out? Why trade men and your big shop keep." Pardon us, but we keep no big shop.

"FIVE LEEGSTARDS" (Ireland).—There would be no Brigadiers if the Labour Party had its way. But if they abolished the *Brag*adiers, there would be no Party.

"OLD READER" (Plumpton).—"Why not make it compulsory for every man to have one day's rest in 7?" At present it is more urgent to make one day's work in seven compulsory.

W. V. D.—"It is not true that Winston Churchill has been offered the post of President of the Royal Academy?" The rumour may have started from the interest he is taking in oils.

J. S. (Dunfermline).—"Should you deem these few lines worthy of a place in your paper I should be pleased, otherwise they can go into the Waste Basket." Alas, after anguished thought, the W.P.B. had 'em.

"THE UNKNOWN" (Stoke-on-Trent).—"I am the only *Ghost* walking the earth that can supply the *essence of Long Life*." Then perhaps you will take a walk down Long Acre, and leave us a sample of the mixture.

L. S. (Leith).—If what you say is correct, then it must be true, as has been said, that there are only three classes north of the Tweed—Scotsmen, damned Scotsmen, and men frae Paisley.

R. E. F. (Dover).—As you say, "actions speak louder than ribbons."

D. G. (Swansea).—If, at 72, you are earning enough to pay Income Tax, you can hardly complain because your National Insurance benefit has stopped. You are really lucky.

R. I. R. (San. Fran., Cal.).—Thanks for hints on "How to form a Branch of the A.A. for Recognition of Irish Republic." We can provide a branch ourselves—and a rope.

G. W. D. (London, W.).—Your disapproval of the Channel Tunnel duly noted. The preliminary works will be stopped at once.

H. R. S. (Brighton).—"The Bureaucratic Blight" is right.

H. J. P. (Hampstead Rd., N.W.).—"Do ponies work down in coal pits?" D'you think they'd have 'em down there just for fun?

R. W. (Tunbridge Wells).—We don't feel called upon to write to the Judge on the use of the cat, or of the dog's whip either.

"READER" (Toronto).—Thanks for cutting concerning "an old man railroaded to the Jail Farm here, his only crime being poverty in this land of milk and honey."

A. S. P. (Bridgwater).—"Seen in *Daily Chronicle*: Burglar on being caught by house tenant states 'I am fed-up-and starving.'"

W. A. W. (Liverpool).—We are not recruiting agents for the Shah's army. Why not offer him your services as a dentist, since that is your trade? You might get the job of drawing his enemies' teeth.

"ROLYAN" (London, S.E.).—"Our short-sighted Government cannot see it." And not for want of eye-wash.

L. J. F.—You cannot be *quite* normal, else you would have given your address if you want us to help you.

"MURPHY" (Belfast).—So you think the "J.B." Puzzle is as hard to solve as the Home Rule Question. We must ask Lloyd George which he prefers—the "Peace" or the seven "pieces." Don't forget the £500 in prizes.

E. M. F. (Guernsey).—The attitude the Trade Union bricklayer has adopted towards dilution by ex-Service men quite justifies the importation of "free" labour from the Channel Islands.

J. T. R. (Atherton).—"Did Lord Kitchener land on the Dardanelles during the Great War?" Yes; but it was Winston Churchill who was "landed" there most.

W. B. T. (Peterhead).—Glad the Bishopsgate Trading Company didn't catch you. We have warned readers against them time and again.

"MARGARET" (Cardiff).—"Pleasure is grafted in the heads of the children, and penny novels have ruined the brain of the nation." Sorry.

R. R. (age 12, Harlesden).—"A girl who brought a form from the Labour Exchange was told to take it back again as they had shown her to be unemployed from Dec., 1921, to Jan., 1920." They were always a backward lot.

R. J. (Essex).—"How am I to exist with a wife on nothing at all?" We don't want to seem unsympathetic, but according to your letter you appear to have found it possible.

G. S. (Hengoed).—"A million unemployed, and teachers to do the census!" Tell the Registrar-General to go where the census papers are asbestos.

D. D. (Cathcart).—If that is the best you can do in the way of poetry, why not go in for poultry-keeping instead?

W. T. R. (Cardiff).—It *may* appear to you a great injustice to have to pay Unemployment Insurance—but wait till you want a job!

P. H. (Beds.).—"As an old student and lover of knowledge, now nearing 90 years, I hope you will bear with me." Why, our dear old chap, we would even willingly bear your age—if we were old enough.

"LOOKS" (Greenwich).—You apparently want a competition to see if you are the ugliest girl in the world. Life's too short for the task.

H. D. S. (North Kensington).—"When does the Poet 'Laureate'?" Rarely, and even then too often.

J. W. L. (Dublin).—"I beg to say your remarks on Excess Profits Duty are grossly misleading and contrary to the true facts." You're another.

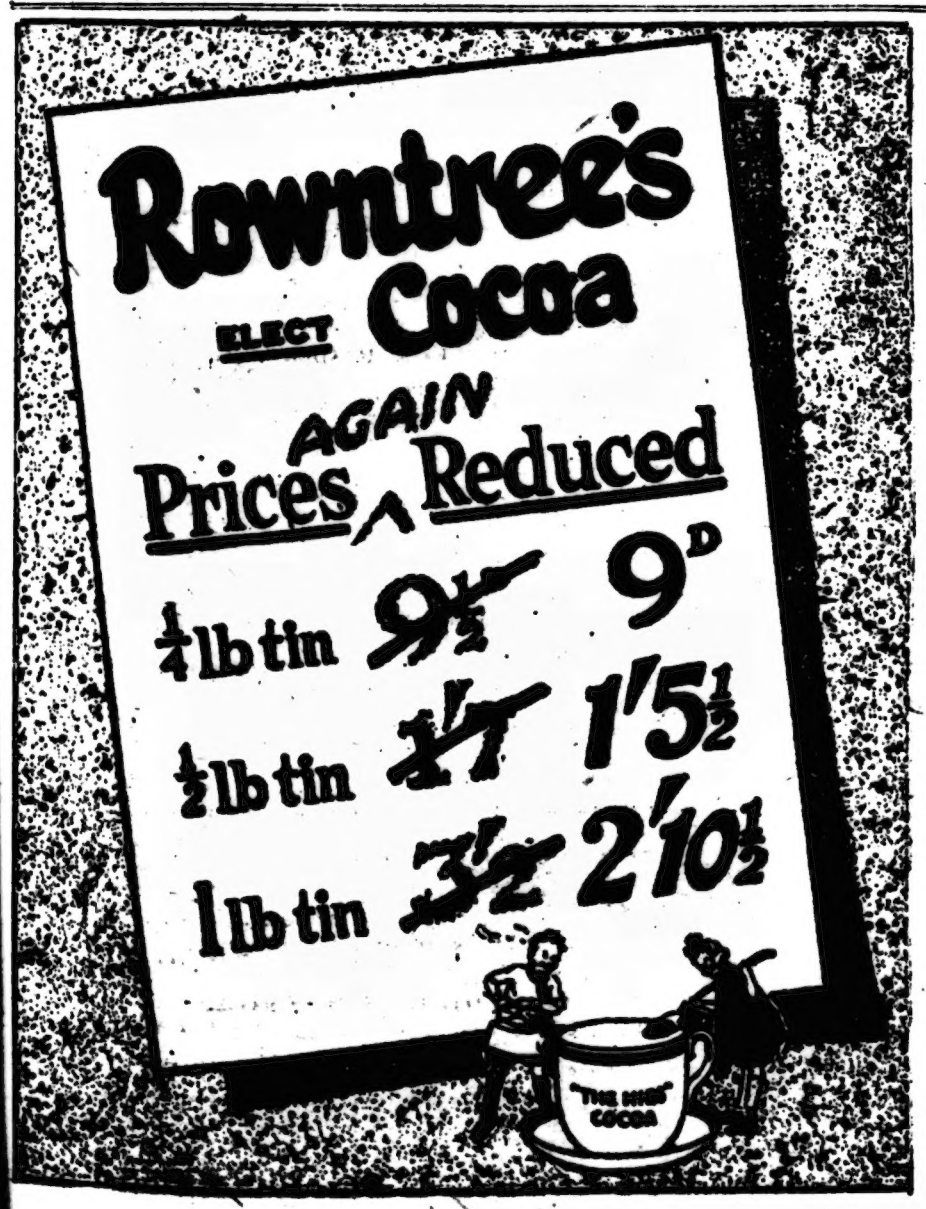
MRS. F. B. (Wavertree).—We have no first-hand information that ex-Australian soldiers are being kept in this country because the Australian Government do not pay the gratuities due.

R. T. (Stockwell).—"The women motor drivers employed at H.M. Stationery Office are still going strong." That is because the Substitutional Committee are going weak.

H. C. C. (Forest Hill).—"In the middle of the day, when folks go out to shop and play, the tram fare's twopence all the way; but in the morn when go you must, to work to earn an honest crust, it is decreed with wisdom rare, that you should pay a higher fare." Take one bun.

MRS. W. (Oxton Kirton).—"I have read your paper to-night till I could not see for tears." And we caught ourselves sniffing once or twice.

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)



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(2) The sum of £2,000 (two thousand pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct results of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £2,000 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the most successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £2,000. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **Only one X must be entered for each match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than February 17th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: **Football Competition No. 19, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2.** Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

FOR RESULT OF OUR SEVENTEENTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION SEE PAGE 6.

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played on Saturday, February 19th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, February 17th.

Home Team		Away Team	Home	Away	Draw
Arsenal	v.	Oldham Athletic			
Blackburn Rov.	v.	Sheffield United			
Bristol Rovers	v.	Portsmouth.			
Norwich City	v.	Gillingham			
Birmingham	v.	Clapton Orient			
Leeds United	v.	Stockport C.			
Leicester City	v.	Notts Forest			
West Ham	v.	Bury			
Notts County	v.	Port Vale			
Clyde	v.	Partick Thistle			
Clydebank	v.	Falkirk			
Morton	v.	Dundee			
Raith Rovers	v.	Hearts			
St. Mirren	v.	Albion Rovers			

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding and enter on that understanding.

(19) SIGNED.....

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Sleeplessness	Vital Exhaustion
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Specially valuable for Nursing Mothers and during the Critical Periods of Life.

Dr. Cassell's Co., Ltd., Manchester.

TAKE TWO TABLETS

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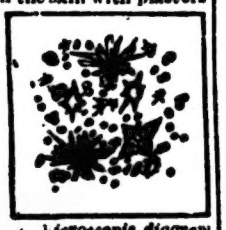

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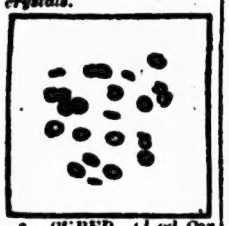

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£1 1s. PRIZES will be awarded to readers sending best alternative 2-line verses for any of the articles shown below. One prize each week for each article. Any number of attempts may be sent, but each must be written on a separate postcard.

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Latest date for this week's Feb. 14.

ANZORA

CREAM and VIOLA Both Master the Hair

1/6 & 2/6,

From all Chemists & Hairdressers.

At the dance, on the river, Any time or anywhere. To create a good impression Use Anzora for your hair.

Anzora Beta-Naphthol Soap Powdered—the finest Shampoo.

Messrs. Nestlé will award an extra Guinea to the winner of this couplet.

NESTLE'S GUARANTEE

Cash Prices 8½d. & 1/4½ Per Tin.

Of nineteen-twenty's records, our nation chiefly hails
The infants' lowest death-rate and Nestlé's highest sales.

It is "catchy" for a "complaint" to pester one with,
For with "Grumania" on the "Boom," demand for "Shares" is brisk

CREAMOLA

The Queen of Custards.

Though from a small beginning, there's still the slight double
The Toffee made by Mackintosh is known the world throughout.

DRI-PED REG'D

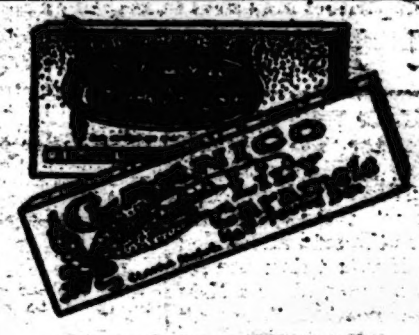
The Super Leather for Soles.

The parson saves soles, the doctor he heals,
But Dri-ped saves "thousands of soles and heels."

See the "DRI-PED" diamond, stamped in purple every few inches on each sole. There is no unstamped "DRI-PED."

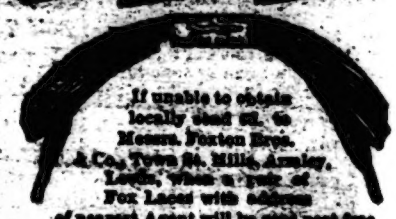
8d and 1/3 Tins

The dreaded "Spring Cleaning" approaches once more;
If "Casso" you use, brighter things are in store.



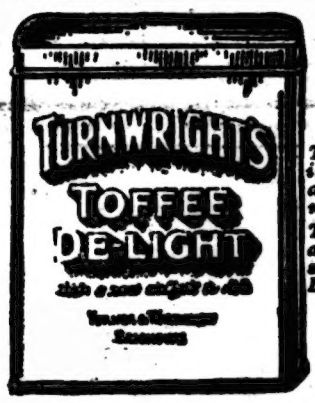
Clarnico is the word that spells
The very best in Caramels.

FOX BOOT LACES



If unable to obtain locally send 2d. to Messrs. Foxton Bros. & Co., Tyne St., Hillo, Armley, Leeds, when a pair of Fox Laces with address of nearest Agent will be sent post free.

Some people tie their boots with things put up in pretty boxes
But if a lace is "last" you want, you must decide on Fox's.



There's nothing better on a cold winter night,
Than a book, a fire, and some Toffee Delight.

Use "Drummer" Dyes—
'twill then be plain
You've joined the Anti-Waste Campaign.

DRUMMER DYES

Halve the Dress Bill.

Though the world's full of tears, of frowning and trials,
"Sharp's Super-Kreem Toffee" make "Millions of Smiles."

WINNER

No need to get bored by a hopeless beginner;
Don't ask her to play, but just put on a Winner.

"Kiwi" Any shade of Brown (except Tan) and Black of all Dealers.

The Quality Boot Polish

Although of boot polish there's such a selection,
I give "Kiwi" best—upon a "reflection."

A camel through a needle's eye can't pass without a struggle; But a Bulloch does with ease inside a Bovril bottle snuggle.

Brito is wholesome,
Brito is nice;
Equal to butter,
Except in price.

BRITO MARGARINE

The Nation's Choice.

That Aladdin should part with his famous old lamp bronzes a feature of madness;
Now had he exchanged for a new Cosmos Lamp, we should all hail his wisdom with gladness.

Messrs. Nestlé will award an extra Guinea to the winner of this couplet.

IDEAL MILK

6½d. Per Tin. 1/- Per Large Tin.

MILK, whole MILK, and nothing but MILK, three times richer in cream than ordinary milk.

REFUSE IMITATIONS.

From ideal cows comes "Ideal" milk, the British Public say,
For "Ideal" is the super-star that shines in the "milky way."

RESULT OF No. 3 COMPETITION.

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Miss L. A. Hutchinson, Doncaster.

DRUMMER DYES.
Mrs. M. Smith, Henley-on-Thames.

BRITO.
Miss W. Dales, Brockley.

COSMOS LAMPS.
F. Brown, Manchester.

TURNWRIGHT'S TOFFEE.
Miss M. Moss, Nottingham.

ANZORA.
R. W. A. Quinton, Tufnell Park, N.

EUCRYL.
E. M. Dales, Consett.

CREAMOLA.
Miss A. Albin, Clapham Common, S.W.

CLARNICO.
W. Mealand, Birmingham.

DRI-PED.
Miss A. Eccles, Manchester.

BOVRIL.
Mrs. A. J. Saunders, Bristol.

WINNER.
Miss M. K. Smith, Norbury, S.W.16.

IDEAL MILK.
D. B. M. Gibson, Edinburgh.

KIWI.
Mr. Brown, South Kensington, W.

CASSO.
Mrs. Appleby, Newark-on-Trent.

MACKINTOSH.
J. W. Scott, South Shields.

FOX LACES.
S. Wilson, Earl's Court, S.W.5.

SHARP'S SUPER-KREEM TOFFEE.
A. Clancy, Battersea.

SHOPKEEPERS.—See Page 3.

Eucryl

We once took my wife and the sons of dukes and earls
For, thanks to Eucryl, we possess two double rows of pearls.

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